

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks. In the Office action mailed on April 17, 2007, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12-14 and 17 were rejected over prior art. Claims 1, 6, 17, and 18 were rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 3, 5, 7-9 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Double-Patenting

Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer in response to the double-patenting rejection.

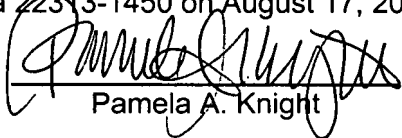
35 U.S.C. § 103

Applicants respectfully disagree with the prior art rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103, however, in the interest of advancing prosecution of the "allowable" claims, applicants have amended claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 18 into independent form, and amended claims 10-14 to be dependent from claim 7. The other pending claims have been cancelled, however, applicants reserve all rights to pursue cancelled claims in a subsequent application.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney of record if there are any additional issues to address.

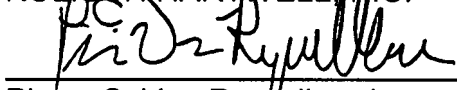
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